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Mrs. Lisa Jackson
USEPA Administrator
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Dear Mrs. Jackson:

Enclosed please find enclosed letter concerning the placing of this toxic site found in Middlesex County, New Jersey on the priority list.

I would truly appreciate your attention to this urgent environmental matter.

Sincerely,

Jane Tousman
Edison Open Space Committee

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RE: Raritan Bay Slag – EPA-HQ-SFUND-2009-0062

Dear Docket Coordinator:

The Edison Open Space Committee whose top priority is to provide clean open space to our community. I would like to offer my organization's full support the USEPA designating the Raritan Bay Slag site for inclusion on the National Priority List, also known as Superfund. Our organization also supports USEPA's conducting this action by using the Emergency Removal Branch.

The site is an environmental and public health disaster area. It is destroying the economy of the Raritan Bayshore community and businesses until it is fully cleaned up. We implore the agency do everything possible to expedite the investigation and cleanup of all slag and slag-related contamination.

While we understand the USEPA has taken some measures to restrict public access, but those measures are inadequate and do not limit public or environmental exposure. The source areas of the slag should be removed and contaminated sediments in the Raritan Bay and its tributaries need to be immediately remediated. If this Superfund cleanup is not fast-tracked, it will completely destroy the economic viability of dozens of towns and their business communities along the Raritan Bayshore. The USEPA needs to act now to mitigate this environmental and economic disaster.